THE TRAVANCORE ARBITRATION BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to introduce the Travancore Arbitration Bill. Disputes arising in commercial transactions should, as far as possible, be decided by arbitration. It is not in the interest of the commercial community that they should be driven to the courts for settling their disputes. There is some provision relating to this contained in the Civil Procedure Code. But it is inadequate to meet cases contemplated by this Bill. This Bill also like the other Bills has been drawn up on the lines of the British Indian Act. Decided cases on this matter could not, as honourable members know, be availed of for the purpose because there is no statutory provision enabling such arbitration proceedings to be started and enforced. Apart from the Civil Procedure Code we have no other law relating to Arbitration. The provisions of the Civil Procedure Code are inadequate for the purpose. If parties agree that in case of any dispute it must be referred to arbitration, there must be statutory provision for compelling one or other to conform to the agreement. I move that this Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. M. P. JOSEPH: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

The Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly then read the title of the Bill—"The Travancore Arbitration Bill."

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that the Travancore Arbitration Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of

Messrs.

1. S. Krishna Iyer
2. N. Narayana Kurup
3. T. T. Kesavan Sastri
4. Thariathu Kunjithommen
5. K. Narayanaperumal Nadar
6. R. Narayanan Namboori
7. Srimati T. Narayani Amma
8. N. Ramakrishna Pillai
9. P. Sivarama Pillai
10. Dr. C. R. Harler and
11. Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai,

to report within three months.

MR. M. P. JOSEPH: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE EQUITABLE MORTGAGE BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to introduce the Travancore Equitable Mortgage Bill. It is a one-clause Bill but marks an important era in the history of legislation in Travancore. It has

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